

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
February 7, 2003
Room 305, State Capitol**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chair
Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Michael Noel
Rep. Brent D. Parker
Rep. Darin G. Peterson

MEMBERS EXCUSED Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Parley Hellewell
Rep. Michael R. Styler

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Sharron Corelli, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Rep. David Ure called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Parker moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2003 and February 3, 2003. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Ferry and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

Mr. Dick Buehler, Deputy Director of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, addressed the committee regarding the decision-making process in battling wildland fires. The committee reiterated the need for the School and Institutional Trust Lands to develop a clear policy for future reference when large fires occur on trust lands.

Mr. Larry Anderson, Director of the Division of Water Resources, introduced members of his staff and presented the division's activities as well as the state's current water situation. Mr. Warren Peterson, Water Resources Board Chairman, also spoke briefly to the committee.

Mr. Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst, presented the **Water Resources - Operating Budget** to the subcommittee. He proposed a total budget of \$4,493,700, of which \$2,426,700 would come from the General Fund, distributed as follows:

Administration	\$389,200
Board	33,200
Interstate Streams	256,700
Planning	1,737,100
Cloud seeding	150,000
City Loans Administration	110,600
Construction	1,596,900
Water Conservation/Education	209,500
West Desert Ops	<u>10,500</u>
Total	\$4,493,700

Mr. Allred presented the **Water Resources - Capital Budget** to the subcommittee. He proposed budgets as follows:

Cities Water Loan fund: Expected loan repayments of \$1,644,300. However, no new money is recommended for appropriation into the fund. Therefore, this loan fund would not appear in the Appropriations Act.

Revolving Construction Fund: Total appropriations recommended at \$4,339,100, of which \$539,100 is from the General Fund, and \$3,800,000 is from the Conservation and Development Fund for dam safety grants. Expected loan repayments are \$3,026,600.

Conservation and Development Fund: The recommended appropriation is \$1,043,200, all from the General Fund. Expected loan repayments are \$10,482,000.

MOTION: Rep. Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Hatch adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Rep. David Ure, Co-Chairman

Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chairman